

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, it is believed that Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-12, 15-17, and 19-22 are in condition for allowance and, therefore, a Notice of Allowance of Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-12, 15-17, and 19-22 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next action is other than allowance as requested, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (415) 291-9497.

Respectfully submitted,



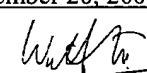
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